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SUBJECT: STRIKES IN SPANISH SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S.

COMPANIES

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, FOREIGN
MINISTER ARIELZA MENTIONED TO ME SOME CONCERN OVER CON-
TINUING STRIKES AT CHRYSLER AND ITT (STANDARD ELECTRICA)
SUBSIDIARIES. HE NOTED THAT THEIR VISIBILITY IS HIGH
BECAUSE THEY ARE LARGE AND U.S. OWNED AND HE THOUGHT
THAT BOTH HAD BEEN TAKING A HARD-LINE ATTITUDE TOWARD
THEIR WORKERS' DEMANDS.

2. WHILE I THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND PROBABLY
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR USG TO INTERVENE IN ANY WAY IN
THIS SITUATION, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT
TO CONTACT U.S. PRINCIPALS OF THESE FIRMS TO INSURE THAT
THEY ARE FOLLOWING SITUATION IN THEIR SPANISH SUBSIDIARIES
WITH CLOSE ATTENTION. THESE STRIKES DO HOLD A POTENTIAL
FOR AROUSING AND FOCUSING ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT WHICH
WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT'S AND COMPANIES'
INTERESTS.

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